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Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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World history is replete with examples of one nation invading another, trying to take control. The weaker the invaded nation, the easier it is for the attacker to take control. This reminds me of the ongoing attempt by worldliness to take over the spiritual kingdom of God. The weaker a church is spiritually, the easier it is for worldliness to take over. We Christians must be spiritually strong.

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the things of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:5-8).

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

Let us at Woodland Hills continually renew our spiritual focus. Let us be so in tune with our Lord and his ways that the Kingdom of Worldliness cannot even make landfall.

See you Sunday, spiritually focused... David

Where Did YOU Come From?

David South

Be careful about “origins.” I do not mean human origins, as in creation versus evolution. I mean church origins. There appears to be more and more confusion in the statements I hear about church origins. That is important because it changes how one thinks about the beliefs and practices of churches and Christians. The Woodland Hills church can trace its history back more than one hundred years through Union Avenue, Harbert Avenue, Gaylord Avenue, and Waldran Avenue. (And it is a rich and interesting history). Those who formed that original congregation, and those who taught in it over the years, have some roots in what is called “The American Restoration Movement.”

It is a mistake, though, to think that the church started in 1900. It is a mistake to think that the church started in the 1700s or 1800s. Down through the centuries different people in different places have worked hard to pursue genuine Christianity. The church did not start with any of those people. Thus, when one begins to describe who “we” are in terms of something that started in relatively recent times, I get a little nervous about what he or she is trying to do.

It seems to me that there are some who try to take one important element in the efforts of Christian men and women from the 1800s – unity – and make it “the reason” for “our” existence as a church. That one element then becomes the battle cry for a new approach to how “we” think about doctrine and fellowship with other religious groups. It usually goes with a denigration of holding true to basic Bible teachings. It sometimes puts wider fellowship above loyalty to truth. Please do not miss my point here. I am completely in favor of unity. Jesus prayed for it (Jn. 17:20-21). The apostle Paul commanded it (1 Cor. 1:10). The psalmist praised it (Ps. 133:1). I am opposed, however, to dismissing loyalty to truth in favor of unity. I maintain that the road to unity is paved with God’s truth.

When one is concerned about the standard of right and wrong for Christians and the church, it is wrong to cite Campbell, Stone, McGarvey, or Brewer. The only standard is the Bible. Various men and women often have provided great commentary on the Bible, and we do well to learn from their efforts. But, they are not the authority for who “we” are. The Bible is the only authority.

The Bible is the authority precisely because it is from God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 2:9-13). The words of deity are the words that lead to life and freedom (Jn. 6:63-69, 8:31-32). The words of our Lord are the words that set the standard for what is right teaching and practice (1 Tim. 6:3). Jesus is the founder of the church (Mt. 16:18) and the head of the church (Col. 1:18). Who “we” are and what “we” teach and practice must come from him.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Debbie Knight, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby Riley, Ina Story, Pat Thomas

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, David Bartley, LaVerne Baxter, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Corrine Crowell, Brittney Daily, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Roy Ghormley, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Judy Long, Carol Lynn, Haley McCommon, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Sharon Olsen, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South (recently diagnosed with cancer), Amanda Spears, Anita Thomsen, Connie Waddell and William Wilson

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October 28, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	Bill Estes
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	James and Jackie Wilson
Serving Communion:	David Close, Darrell Dacus, Ed Dacus, Robert Jones, Bob Karr, John Waddell, Keith Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Kenny Cox
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

*4:30 PM Trick R Trunk
no evening service.*



4:30 PM

**Face painting
Bounce Inflatables**

**Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
furnished...**

Bring sides, drinks and desserts

then....

**Trunk R Treat
Decorate your car trunks (or not)
and we will park in a line near the
pavilion and let the kids collect their
candy in a safe environment!**



GET READY!!!...

Next Weekend, November 4th

Please sign the back of your attendance card the number in your family that will be attending the meal.



YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all! I hope you are all doing well. The big thing that happened this past week was an area-wide youth devotional that we hosted at Woodland Hills. While it turned out that our numbers were smaller than expected it was still a great experience that couldn't have happened without the help of a number of amazing people and I wanted to take this space to thank them.

First of all, I want to thank all of the amazing parents who did all the cooking and cleaning for the event. I had a very busy weekend with an event outside of my ministry, so I needed a lot of help. When I asked the parents, there was an amazing response and truly the majority of the work that was done is all thanks to them.

I also want to thank Matt Mitchell, who was our speaker for the night. He accepted the request to speak with no hesitation and he did a wonderful job delivering a message of overcoming our fears to stand up for the Lord. I was blessed by it, and I know the teens were as well.

What a blessing it is to not be alone in our service to the Lord! I truly believe that's why the Word emphasizes the importance of the Church so much. Together we can do things that are impossible by ourselves. I am thankful for my Church family, and to the Lord who unites us all. May he bless you all this week!

WORDS TO PONDER...

*Three things in life that, once gone, never come back: **Time, Words & Opportunity***

*Three things in life that may never be lost: **Peace, Hope & Honesty***

*Three things in life that are never certain: **Dreams, Success & Fortune***

*Three things in life that are most valuable: **Love, Faith & Prayer***

*Three things in life that make a man: **Hard work, Sincerity & Commitment***

*Three things in life that can destroy a man: **Lust, Pride & Anger***

*Three things in life that are truly constant: **Father, Son & Holy Spirit***